GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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DAMAGE TO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government made any assessment of the damage caused to the national highways by floods, cyclone and other natural calamities in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount spent on the restoration of traffic and repair of national highways in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) the number of works at present going on in Andhra Pradesh for widening, repairing and construction of new national highways; and

(e) the total length of national highways to be added during the Tenth plan period in Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Damages caused to National Highways in Andhra Pradesh asassessed during last three years were of the nature of damages to the road surface, retaining walls, cross drainage works etc. Works sanctioned for repair/restoration are as given below:

Year	National Highways Damaged	Sanctioned Amount (Rs in Crore)
2000-01	NH 5,7,9,16,18,43,202,205&214	5.97
2001-02	NH 5,7,9,18,43,63,202,205&214	7.34
2002-03	NH 9,16,18,63,202 & 214	3.23

(c) The amount spent on restoration of traffic and repair of these damages on National Highways in Andhra Pradesh during last three years is as under:

Year	Amount(Rs. In crore)
2000-01	2.74
2001-02	9.23
2002-03	1.24

(d) At present, 15 improvement works are in progress on new National Highways declared during the Ninth Plan Period in Andhra Pradesh.

(e) Presently, new National Highways are not being declared due tofund constraints. The Government may, however, consider declaration of very limited lengths of a few State Highways as National Highways,which may also include State Highways in Andhra Pradesh, during the course of the 10th Five Year Plan keeping in view the traffic needs, inter-se priority and availability of funds.